

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the Specification of the above-named, allowed Application as follows.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 17 as follows.

--Fig. 1 is a schematic view of an apparatus for applying a torsion to string material according to the present invention, in which the string material extends along the line 6 and 6' from an inlet E to an outlet A. According to this embodiment, two inventive devices for applying a torsion to string material are arranged in parallel and are used, together with a guiding element 3 arranged at a given distance 22L2 from said second guiding means, to combine the two string materials. For example, as indicated by the arrow, the conductors will be twisted to form an electric pair. According to the present invention, the guiding elements 1, 1' and 3 form so-called string material guiding means by which self-twisting of the string material about its longitudinal axis may at least be impeded.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 10 as follows.

--Behind this guiding element another string material guiding means 9 comprising inlets 4 and 4' and outlets 4'' and 4''' is provided at a given distance 24L1.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 13, line 25 as follows.

--According to the embodiment as shown, guiding elements 1'' and 1''' are substantially used to guide the string material along a given path of movement, wherein the eccentric guidance of the string material by means of guiding elements 1'' and 1''' causes that a torsion is applied to the string material due to the rotation of said second string material guiding element, particularly of body 28 of said second string material guiding means, about the rotational axis 2 and 2' arranged approximately parallel to the path of movement. The outlet areas 4'' or 4''' are followed, according to the embodiment, by deflection rollers 5, respectively, used to supply the string material to said guiding means 3 and arranged at a distance ~~22~~L<sub>2</sub> to said guiding element of said second string material guiding means.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 16, line 17 as follows.

--Guiding element 14 is positioned along rotational axis 25 and is connected to said body 23 by fastening elements ~~20~~27.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 5 as follows.

--Fig. 4 shows an alternative embodiment of an apparatus for applying a torsion to the string material in which, for example, the string material

enters the apparatus via area E and leaves it via area A. The string material is conducted along the path of movement which has been given reference number 101 by means of guiding elements 100, 100' ~~and~~ 100'' and 100'''. According to this embodiment, guiding element 100 can be moved in longitudinal direction with regard to the path of movement, as indicated by the double arrow 32. This particularly serves to vary the length ratio between the inlet of said second guiding means and said first guiding element and the outlet of said second guiding means and said outlet.--

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 18, line 1 as follows.

--According to the embodiment of an apparatus for applying a torsion to a string material as shown in Fig. 4, the apparatus according to Fig. 5 includes guiding elements 300 which may be moved along double arrow 302 parallel to the path of movement 301, 301'--